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Innovation and Technological Development in Defence
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved special fund to foster innovation and technological development in defence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)
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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government has set up the 'Technology Development Fund (TDF)' scheme, which aims at funding the development of defence and dual use technologies that are currently not available with the Indian defence industry or not have been developed so far.

The focus is for the development of technologies that can form the Kernel of components/assemblies, which can in turn be used to develop defence equipment/systems /sub-systems/platforms.

The funding with a limit of Rs 10 crore per project is to public and private sector industry especially Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that may work in collaboration with the academia or research institutions to carry out innovation, research and development. The scheme envisages creating an Eco-system for enhancing cutting edge technology capability for Defence application and to inculcate R&D culture in MSMEs.

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